Public Law 101-191
101st Congress

An Act

Nov. 29, 1989

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide for the development of a trails interpretation center in the city of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

16 USC 1244

SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

(1) the nineteenth century American westward movement was an important cultural event in shaping the postcolonial history of the United States:

(2) the nineteenth century American westward movement consisted of journeys along a system of trails across the American continent by pioneers, explorers, religious groups, and scientists; and

(3) additional recognition and interpretation is appropriate in light of the national scope of the nineteenth century American westward movement.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

(3) to recognize the system of western trails established in furtherance of the National Trails System Act because of their national historic and cultural significance: and

(4) to provide the public with an interpretive facility devoted to the vital role of the western trails in the development of the United States.

SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TRAILS INTERPRETATION CENTER. 16 USC 1244 note.

(5) AUTHORIZATION.—In furtherance of the purposes of section 7(c) of the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1246(c)), the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") is authorized to provide for a trails interpretation center (hereinafter referred to as the "center") in the city of Council Bluffs, Iowa, for the purpose of interpreting the history of development and use in the State of Iowa and the adjacent region of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Mormon Pioneer National Historic

Trail, and the Oregon National Historic Trail.

(6) PLAN AND DESIGN.—(1) Within 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, after consultation with the Governor of Iowa and in cooperation with such other public, municipal, and private entities as may be necessary and appropriate, shall complete a plan and design for the center, including the following:

(7) a detailed description of the design of the facility;

(8) a description of the site:

(9) the method of acquisition:

(10) the estimated cost of acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance; and